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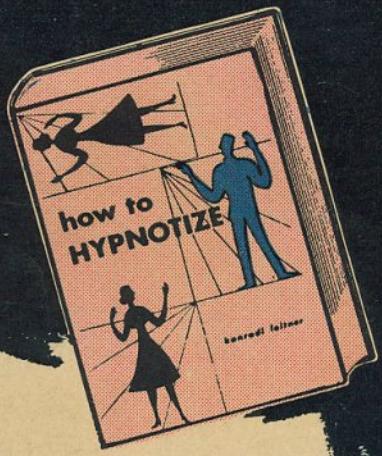

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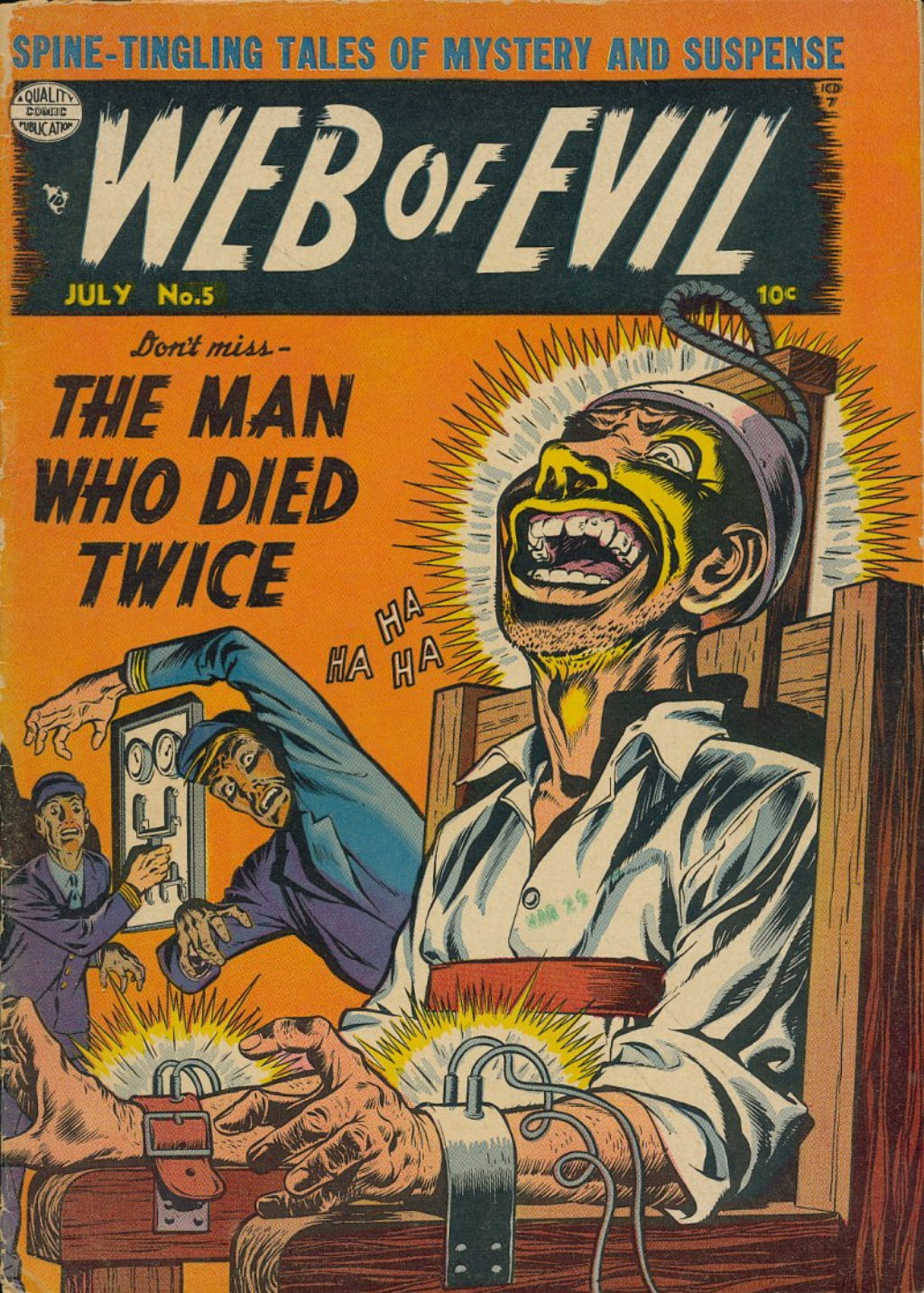

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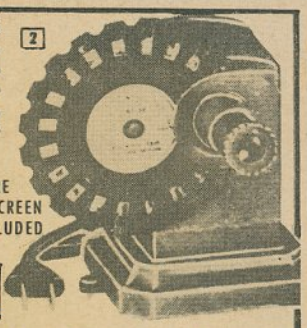

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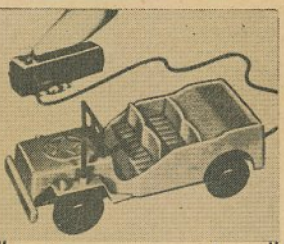

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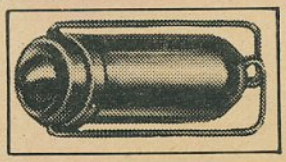

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The MAN WHO DIED TWICE
CAN A HUMAN BEING CHEAT THE ELECTRIC CHAIR? THEY EXECUTED LES PALEY FOR A MURDER HE DID NOT COMMIT! THE FRIGHTFUL THUNDERBOLTS OF JUSTICE LASHED HIS BODY UNTIL THE PRISON DOCTOR PRONOUNCED HIM DEAD AND RELEASED HIS TORTURED CLAY TO THE DARK ARMS OF THE WAITING HEARSE! BUT THE YAWNING GRAVE COULD NOT CLAIM ITS OWN UNTIL HE HAD FOUND AND DESTROYED THE PATTERN OF INCREDIBLE EVIL THAT MADE A MOCKERY OF THE DEAD!

THE PARTNERSHIP OF LESTER PALEY AND PAUL NASH HAD MUSHROOMED INTO ONE OF THE CITY'S LEADING BROKERAGE HOUSES!

WELCOME HOME, LES! HOW WAS THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON?

GREAT — BUT NOT HALF AS NICE AS GETTING BACK TO YOU, CORA, HONEY!

PALEY + NASH STOCKS + BONDS

HOW ABOUT A WELCOME-HOME KISS FOR YOUR FIANCEE?

UH-UH! WHAT IF A CUSTOMER WALKED IN AND SAW THE PRESIDENT KISSING HIS RECEPTIONIST? BESIDES, PAUL'S WAITING TO SEE YOU!

HELLO, LES! THANK HEAVEN YOU MADE IT! I WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CARRYING $50,000 IN NEGOTIABLE BONDS WITHOUT A GUARD!

NOBODY EVEN LOOKED CROSS-EYED AT THE CASE, PAUL! BUT LOCK IT UP IN THE SAFE QUICK SO I CAN RELAX, WILL YOU?

AND PUT THIS ARTILLERY AWAY, TOO! I FEEL LIKE A JUNIOR G-MAN, EVEN IF THE POLICE DID ADVISE ME TO LUG A GUN ..! HUH?

WHA..? LES! LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!

LES PALEY TRIED TO TURN, BUT SOMETHING SMASHED DOWN ON HIS SKULL WITH A TERRIBLE, STUNNING FORCE! DIMLY HE HEARD PAUL YELL!

NO! NO! ARE YOU INSANE?

WHO?.. ARGHHH!

STUNNED, BLINDED BY THE MISTS OF PAIN, LES FELT A PRESENCE THAT SNATCHED HIS FALLEN PISTOL! HE HEARD SHOTS, A CRY OF ANGUISH CUT OFF...

DON'T! ARGGHH!

BLAM! BLAM!

HIS MUSCLES WERE WATER, POWERLESS TO RESIST, AS STRONG HANDS SHOVED THE HOT GUN INTO HIS FINGERS, FORCED HIM TO TRIGGER IT ONCE MORE!

THERE WAS ONE LAST EXPLOSION INSIDE LES PALEY'S SKULL .. THEN THE BLACKNESS OF NIGHT TO ERASE THE HORROR!

LES PALEY WAS STILL MERCIFULLY UNCONSCIOUS WHEN CORA LANG'S SCREAMS BROUGHT A POLICEMAN FROM THE STREET BELOW!

OH.. OH.. OH..!

MOTHER OF MERCY! THIS IS A JOB FOR HOMICIDE! DON'T LOOK, MISS! JUST SHOW ME A TELEPHONE!

LES CAME BACK TO ACHING CONSCIOUSNESS.. TO A WORLD OF NIGHTMARE HORROR.. TO VOICES SIFTING THROUGH A CURTAIN OF PAIN!

..AND I HEARD MR. NASH CRY, "NO! NO! ARE YOU INSANE? DON'T!" I-I RAN IN AND S-SAW THEM, L-LYING THERE!

HE'S COMING AROUND, INSPECTOR! HE'LL LIVE TO BURN!

WHA.. WHAT HAPPENED? SOMEBODY.. SHOT.. PAUL? IS.. HE..?

YOU SHOT HIM, YOU RAT... KILLED HIM WITH YOUR OWN GUN WHEN HE FOUND YOUR BRIEFCASE FULL OF BLANK PAPER INSTEAD OF BONDS!

NO! I DIDN'T!

LES! LES! I BELIEVE YOU! YOU COULDN'T KILL PAUL!

CUT IT OUT, LADY! SAVE YOUR SYMPATHY! HE'S GUILTY AS SIN!

LIKE A MAN IN A DREAM, LES STUMBLED THROUGH THE NIGHTMARE OF POLICE ROUTINE!

NO! NO! I DIDN'T KILL PAUL! I TOLD YOU WHAT HAPPENED!

DRY UP, RAT! HE WAS KILLED WITH YOUR GUN AND THE PARRAFIN TEST PROVES YOU FIRED IT! HE TRIED TO FIGHT YOU OFF WITH HIS CANE, BUT FAILED!

ONLY CORA VISITED LES IN JAIL AS HE AWAITED TRIAL! SHE TRIED TO HELP HIM TO CLING TO A THIN THREAD OF FAITH!

I'VE TRIED ALL THE BEST LAWYERS, DARLING, BUT THEY SAY THAT IT'S HOPELESS! OHH, LES!

CHIN UP, HONEY! I'M STILL BORROWING HOPE FROM YOUR COURAGE, MY DEAREST! THE TRUTH IS BOUND TO COME OUT EVENTUALLY!

THE CASE WAS RUSHED TO TRIAL.. BUT TO THE PUBLIC, LES PALEY HAD ALREADY BEEN CONVICTED!

..AND WHEN MY FIRM EXAMINED THE PALEY AND NASH BOOKS, WE FOUND A SHORTAGE OF $44,000 IN MR. PALEY'S ACCOUNTS!

IT'S A DIRTY LIE! I NEVER TOOK A PENNY!

SIDDOWN, YOU!

HIS COURT-APPOINTED LAWYER BARELY MADE A DEFENSE! THE JURY TOOK LESS THAN TWO HOURS TO REACH ITS INEVITABLE VERDICT!

WE, THE JURY, FIND THE DEFENDANT, LESTER PALEY, GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE -- WITH NO RECOMMENDATION FOR MERCY!

OH, NO, NO, NO..!

..TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR AT DAWN ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 19.. AND MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SOUL!

AND ON YOUR CONSCIENCES.. FOR I AM INNOCENT... *INNOCENT!*

BE BRAVE, MY DARLING! I'VE FOUND A THIN, PITIFUL HOPE.. BUT IT MAY SAVE YOU!

THERE *IS* NO HOPE! I AM DOOMED.. DOOMED! FORGET ME, CORA!

THE DAYS FLED BY AND THEN IT WAS NIGHT.. THE LAST BLACK NIGHT BEFORE DEATH'S DAWN!

NOW WHAT? YOU'RE MURDERING ME! CAN'T I AT LEAST DIE IN PEACE?

THE LAW SAYS I MUST EXAMINE THE CONDEMNED, PALEY! *HMM! AHH? TCH-TCH!*

HURRY UP AND LEAVE ME! MUST I GET A BEAUTY TREATMENT, TOO?

THIS IS..ER.. A CREAM TO HELP THE ELECTRICITY PENETRATE SWIFTLY! IT MAKES DEATH QUICKER AND MORE PAINLESS! RUB IT WELL INTO WRISTS AND LEG WHERE THE ELECTRODES WILL TOUCH! *HURRY!*

YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE, PALEY! WHY NOT TELL US WHERE THAT MISSING $94,000 IS HIDDEN? INNOCENT INVESTORS ARE SUFFERING THAT LOSS!

I DON'T KNOW, I'VE TOLD YOU! I DIDN'T TAKE IT! GET THIS OVER WITH SO I CAN FIND SOME PEACE!

THE LAST SECOND TICKS AWAY... A HUMAN BODY STRAINS AGAINST ITS COPPER BONDS AS THE LIGHTNING OF LEGAL VENGEANCE SMASHES THROUGH ITS TISSUES!

AGHHHH..!

I PRONOUNCE THIS MAN LEGALLY DEAD! THE UNDERTAKER CAN NOW HAVE HIM!

THE SELFISH LOUSE! HE TOOK $94,000 WITH HIM .. RATHER THAN GIVE IT BACK TO THE PEOPLE WHO TRUSTED HIM WITH THEIR MONEY!

HE'S ALL YOURS AND YOU CAN HAVE HIM! THOUGH WHY YOU WANT HIM, I CAN'T FIGURE!

HE'S $25 TO ME, FRIEND.. THE $25 THE STATE PAYS ME TO DISPOSE OF ITS CASTOFF CLAY! OPEN THE GATES FOR ME LIKE A GOOD FELLOW!

LEMORT FUNERAL PARLOR

LESTER PALEY WAS LOST IN A WORLD OF BLACKNESS, KNOWING NOTHING OF HIS WEIRD RIDE, NOTHING OF THE STRANGE INCIDENTS THAT MARKED IT!

HURRY, MY DEAR! JUMP IN, BEFORE SOME SNOOP SEES US HALT HERE!

DID EVERYTHING WORK OUT AS WE PLANNED? ARE YOU SURE THERE WERE NO SLIP-UPS?

THERE ARE ALWAYS SLIP-UPS .. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT PLAN CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY!

THEN *WE'RE* ALL RIGHT! WE'VE PLANNED EVERY DETAIL OF THIS DOWN TO THE LAST SECOND OF TIMING! *HURRY*, ANSON!

LES PALEY LAY IN AN INKY DARKNESS.. BLACK AND DEEP AS DEATH .. UNTIL SUDDENLY A RAY OF GOLDEN LIGHT SEEMED TO SPLIT THAT DARK!

OHH!

WE HAVE SUCCEEDED! READY, MY DEAR! THE NEXT STEP IS YOURS!

I..I AM READY! BUT A LITTLE FRIGHTENED! CAN YOU BLAME ME?

THE GOLDEN LIGHT SPREAD AND WIDENED, AND TO LES PALEY CAME A KIND OF DAZED CONSCIOUSNESS, A REALIZATION OF HIS OWN BODY!

I.. I'M ALIVE! BUT THEY KILLED ME! THEY STRAPPED ME IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR AND KILLED ME!

HUSH, DARLING! I TOLD YOU I'D FOUND A THIN THREAD OF HOPE! THIS IS IT! ANSON LEMORT BROUGHT YOU BACK FROM THE DEAD FOR ME!

YES, PALEY! FOR YEARS I'VE WORKED TO REVIVE THE DEAD! YOU ARE MY FIRST SUCCESS! BUT SUCCESS IS NOT COMPLETE! YOU'RE NEITHER DEAD NOR ALIVE!

I... FEEL SO.. ODD! CORA! YOU.. YOU BROUGHT ME BACK FROM THE GRAVE! YOU.. DID THIS.. FOR ME!

BUT HE WAS ALIVE! HE POSSESSED A BODY THAT.. DRUGGED AND NUMB AS IT FELT... STILL RESPONDED TO HIS DAZED, UNCERTAIN WILL!

WE CAN BE TOGETHER, ALWAYS, MY DARLING... IF YOU WILL OBEY! IT IS THAT OR THE ENDLESS BLACKNESS OF THE GRAVE!

AS LONG AS MY MACHINES ARE ON, YOU WILL BE.. IF NOT ALIVE.. AT LEAST *UNDEAD!* IF I OPEN THIS SWITCH, NO POWER ON EARTH CAN REVIVE YOU!

DEAREST, I HAD TO BARGAIN! I PROMISED! YOU WOULD OBEY ANSON LEMORT IN EXCHANGE FOR HOLDING ME, KISSING ME, LOVING ME AGAIN!

CORA, MY LOVE! I.. I PROMISE WHATEVER I MUST DO.. TO SHARE YOUR.. LOVE .. I WILL DO! I AM *NOT DEAD!* THAT IS ENOUGH!

THAT BLINDING LIGHT, BLAZING INTO HIS EYES, DRAINING THE VERY SOUL WITHIN HIM .. THE SOFT, INSISTENT VOICE OF ANSON LEMORT!

THREE MEN MUST DIE, PALEY.. THE JUDGE WHO SENTENCED YOU, THE EXECUTIONER WHO CLOSED THE SWITCH, THE DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED YOU DEAD! *THEY MUST DIE!*

THEY.. MUST.. DIE! I.. UNDERSTAND!

OBEY HIM, DARLING! WHEN IT IS DARK TONIGHT, KILL THOSE THREE! THEN RETURN AND ENJOY ETERNITY WITH ME!

YOU MUST.. BECAUSE IF YOU REFUSE OR FAIL, I'LL PULL THIS SWITCH AND YOU'LL BE DOOMED TO ETERNAL BLACKNESS FOREVER MORE! THE MACHINE ALONE IS LIFE TO YOU NOW!

REST NOW, LES DEAR! WHEN NIGHT FALLS YOU CAN REPAY THE DEBT WE BOTH OWE ANSON LEMORT!

THESE WILL HELP YOU, PALEY! IF YOU OBEY EVERY ORDER, YOU MAY LAST UNTIL I PERFECT MY MACHINES AND RESTORE *COMPLETE* LIFE!

LES SWALLOWED THE PILLS AND FELL INTO A TROUBLED STUPOR THAT WAS NEITHER SLEEP NOR RELEASE! HIS WILL SEEMED NUMB, DRUGGED! THEY AWOKE HIM AT NIGHTFALL!

IT IS TIME, LES! LET NO ONE SEE YOU! KILL THE JUDGE FIRST.. THEN THE DOCTOR! ANSON WILL TELL YOU WHERE THEY LIVE!

WE WILL KNOW IF YOU FALTER OR FAIL, PALEY! IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG, I PULL THE SWITCH AND YOU DROP DEAD *FOREVER!*

NOTHING CAN HARM YOU OUTSIDE, LES! THE LAW HAS ALREADY KILLED YOU! NO ONE BUT ANSON CAN KILL YOU AGAIN!

I .. MUST STRANGLE.. JUDGE .. THEN DOCTOR.. THEN EXECUTIONER! NO ONE .. CAN STOP ... ME!

A HORROR CLAWED AT THE BACK OF LES'S MIND BUT IT SEEMED POWERLESS AGAINST THE DRIVING FORCE THAT RULED HIS BODY! THEN FATE TOOK A HAND!

THE JUDGE! HE ... IS LEAVING! CAN'T KILL HIM .. WHEN HE ... ISN'T HERE!

I WON'T BE GONE OVER AN HOUR, DEAR! THE D.A. WANTS TO DISCUSS A CASE WITH ME! I'LL MAKE IT FAST!

I'LL ... KILL DOCTOR.. FIRST! THEN ..COME.. BACK HERE!

LOOK OUT! EEEAAHHH!

AN INSTANT LATER ..

I TRIED TO MISS HIM!

KEEP GOING! NOBODY SAW YOU AND YOU CAN'T HELP HIM NOW! HURRY! IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT, ANYHOW!

WH-WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED? WH-WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

THEN COMPREHENSION CAME TO HIM IN A SICKENING TIDE.. SWEEPING OVER HIM -- AWAKENING A THOUSAND STABBING MEMORIES!

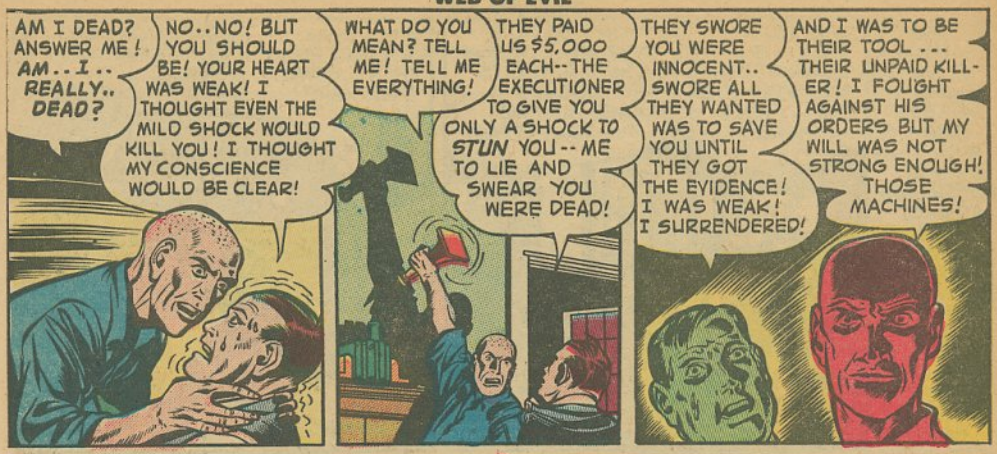
THE CHAIR.. CORA.. THAT LEMORT! NOW I REMEMBER! I.. I'M SUPPOSED TO KILL THREE MEN! I WAS HEADING FOR THE DOCTOR'S HOUSE!

AM I DEAD OR ALIVE? I'VE GOT TO KNOW! THE DOCTOR CAN TELL ME! HE UNDERSTANDS ABOUT DEATH! HE PRONOUNCED ME DEAD!

DR ALFRED BESTOW M.D.

YOU? NO, NO! GET AWAY FROM ME! GET BACK! I WAS INSANE TO TAKE THE MONEY IN THE FIRST PLACE! I'M GOING TO CONFESS!

MONEY? CONFESS? WHAT.. DO YOU.. MEAN?


AM I DEAD? ANSWER ME! AM.. I.. REALLY.. DEAD?
NO..NO! BUT YOU SHOULD BE! YOUR HEART WAS WEAK! I THOUGHT EVEN THE MILD SHOCK WOULD KILL YOU! I THOUGHT MY CONSCIENCE WOULD BE CLEAR!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? TELL ME! TELL ME EVERYTHING!
THEY PAID US $5,000 EACH--THE EXECUTIONER TO GIVE YOU ONLY A SHOCK TO STUN YOU--ME TO LIE AND SWEAR YOU WERE DEAD!
THEY SWORE YOU WERE INNOCENT.. SWORE ALL THEY WANTED WAS TO SAVE YOU UNTIL THEY GOT THE EVIDENCE! I WAS WEAK! I SURRENDERED!
AND I WAS TO BE THEIR TOOL... THEIR UNPAID KILLER! I FOUGHT AGAINST HIS ORDERS BUT MY WILL WAS NOT STRONG ENOUGH! THOSE MACHINES!

FAKES! A LIGHT TO HYPNOTIZE YOU.. DRUGS TO DULL YOUR WILL! HE WANTED US DEAD FOR FEAR WE'D TALK.. AND THE JUDGE BECAUSE HE HAD EVIDENCE OF OTHER PLOTS!
THEN I'M ALIVE... BUT I'M DEAD BY LAW! I CAN KILL WITHOUT PUNISHMENT NOW!

I SEE IT ALL, NOW! I WAS THE TOOL... THE BLIND WEAKLING! I'D KILL FOR THEM AND THEN THEY'D BE FREE TO CREATE OTHER HELPLESS VICTIMS!
Le MORT FUNERAL PARLOR

AT THAT MOMENT..
HE MUST HAVE ALREADY THROTTLED THAT MEDDLING JUDGE! HE'S PROBABLY STALKING THE DOCTOR, NOW! SOON WE'LL BE SAFE!
SAFE AND RICH, MY DEAR! SOON WE'LL HAVE AN ARMY OF DUPES LIKE HIM, LOOTING THE CITY FOR US! IF WE SAY KILL... THEY'LL KILL!

YES, MY DEARLY BELOVED.. I'LL KILL! AND THANKS TO YOU TWO, I CAN NEVER PAY THE PENALTY OF THE LAW AGAIN!
EEEEEEK! L-LES! ANSON, DO SOMETHING! HIS WILL IS FREED!

WITH THE SNARLING SAVAGERY OF A WILD BEAST, LESTER PALEY SPRANG THEN, HIS SHAKING HANDS CLOSING ON THE SOFT FLESH HE HAD LOVED!

LAUGHTER FROM HELL

THEY FRAMED JOHN GROME TO THE MADHOUSE -- DOOMED HIM TO A LIVING HELL IN A CHAMBER OF HORRORS -- AND THEY LAUGHED TOGETHER OVER THE SUCCESS OF THEIR DIABOLICAL TRICKERY! BUT INSIDE THE WALLS OF BEDLAM -- BEHIND THE PADDED BARS -- JOHN GROME ALSO LAUGHED! FOR HE, TOO, KNEW A JOKE SO FIENDISHLY CUNNING THAT WHEN IT WAS PLAYED, SATAN HIMSELF WOULD HAVE THE LAST LAUGH!

THE ONE MISTAKE OF JOHN GROME'S LIFE WAS HIS MARRIAGE TO DELLA, A GIRL HALF HIS AGE!
DEAREST, WHAT DID HE DO UP THERE? I'VE BEEN FRANTIC WAITING!
JUST GAVE AWAY SIX MILLION TO CHARITY... AND CUT YOU OFF WITH A LOUSY $100,000 A YEAR! WOULDN'T EVEN LISTEN WHEN I ARGUED!

THE RAT! THE DIRTY, LOW-DOWN... ..I COULD KILL HIM!
SO COULD I... BUT IT'S TOO RISKY! I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA, PET! MEET ME TONIGHT AND I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE DETAILS!

SO LATE THAT NIGHT, WHILE JOHN GROME SLEPT, THESE TWO PLOTTED HIS BETRAYAL WITH HEARTLESS CUNNING!
DARLING, IT'S PRICELESS! YOU'RE THE CLEVEREST MAN I EVER KNEW! NOW, WE'LL HAVE EACH OTHER... AND ALL HIS MONEY!
HE SAYS I'M CLEVER, TOO.. .. A CLEVER LAWYER! THAT'S WHY HE'S TRUSTED ME FOR TEN YEARS! THE SOFT-HEADED IDIOT!

IT BEGAN TWO DAYS LATER.. WITH VOICES FROM THE EMPTY AIR.. VOICES THAT WHISPERED AND BABBLED INSANELY!
IS THAT THE ONE? IS THAT JOHN GROME? HE'LL BE ONE OF US SOON!
HUH? WHA..? WHO IS IT? WHERE ARE YOU? THERE'S NOBODY HERE!
DELLA, DID YOU SAY SOMETHING? DID YOU CALL TO ME?
OF COURSE NOT, DEAR! I HAVEN'T MADE A SOUND! ARE YOU ILL, JOHN? YOU LOOK SO STRANGE!

NO! NO, I'M ALL RIGHT! I--I JUST THOUGHT I HEARD YOU CALL!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, JOHN? DO YOU HEAR VOICES? MAYBE YOU'RE GOING CRAZY! PEOPLE DO AT YOUR AGE, YOU KNOW! CRAZY! CRAZY!
NO! NO! NO!

MAYBE I AM SICK! I'VE NEVER BEEN SICK IN MY LIFE, BUT I AM GETTING OLD!

EEEEAAHHH! MY FACE! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? DELLA! DELLA!

DELLA! MY FACE! LOOK AT ME! I'M ALL GREEN.. AND MY FLESH IS MELTING AWAY!
JOHN GROME, YOU ARE ILL! WHERE DID YOU EVER GET SUCH A SIMPLY INSANE IDEA! YOU CERTAINLY LOOK NORMAL TO ME!

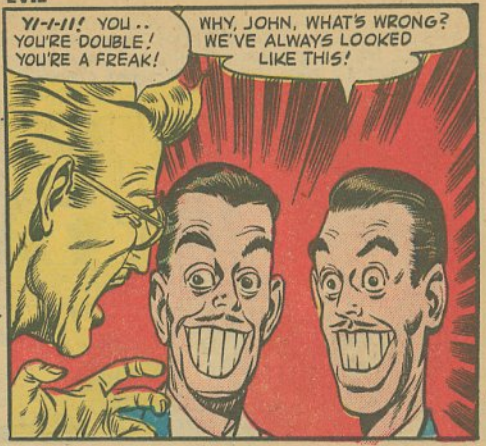
LOOK AT YOURSELF! WHAT'S WRONG.. BESIDES BEING A LITTLE PALE?
WHY, WHY..I LOOK NORMAL, NOW! I..I MUST HAVE IMAGINED IT!

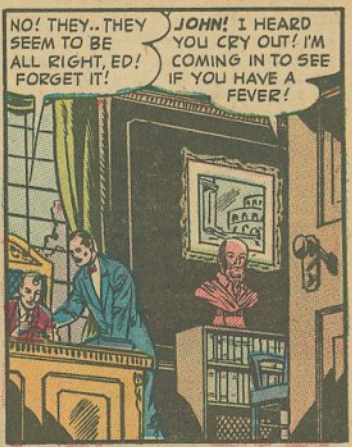
YOU'D BETTER GET INTO BED AND LET ME PHONE DR. CAVENDISH, JOHN!
NO, NO! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT! I'M EXPECTING ED LORING WITH SOME PAPERS TO BE SIGNED! SEND HIM RIGHT IN WHEN HE COMES, DELLA!

DEAREST, IT'S WORKING BEAUTIFULLY! THE VOICES GOT HIM.. BUT WHEN THAT SPECIAL LIGHT BULB THREW THE SKULL PICTURE ON HIS FACE HE SCREAMED!
MAYBE HE'LL HAVE A HEART ATTACK AND SAVE US TROUBLE! THESE GIMMICKS ARE COSTING ME DOUGH! THEY'D BETTER BE WORTH IT!

I'D BETTER GO DO MY PART, NOW! DID YOU SLIP HIM THOSE SPECIAL SPECTACLES I HAD MADE?
OF COURSE, DARLING! HERE ARE HIS REGULAR ONES, SO YOU CAN CHANGE BACK AGAIN BEFORE HE CATCHES ON!

JOHN GROME PUT ON THE SPECTACLES.. SPECTACLES WHOSE FIENDISHLY GROUND LENSES TURNED A SIMPLE SIGHT INTO A MONSTROSITY!





JOHN GROME STAYED LOCKED IN HIS LIBRARY FOR 24 HOURS... BUT IN THE NIGHT HE HAD VISITORS WHO CAME AND WENT THROUGH A PRIVATE OUTSIDE ENTRANCE!

IT SEEMED THAT ED LORING WAS RIGHT, FOR LATE THE NEXT DAY...

TWO DAYS PASSED BEFORE DELLA GROME WAS ABLE TO BE OUT! SHE WASTED NO TIME...! AT THE QUIET PRIVATE ASYLUM..

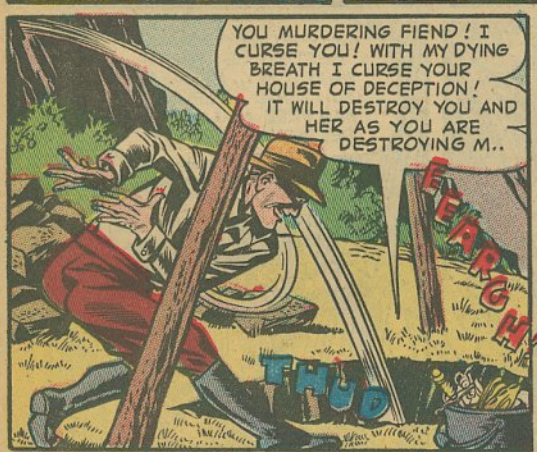
The Vengeful CURSE

IT WAS A HOUSE OF UNSPEAKABLE EVIL BUILT ON THE SITE OF AN INHUMAN CRIME! THE FINEST STONE-MASONS HEWED THE STRONGEST ROCK TO MAKE THE HOUSE AN IMPREGNIBLE FORTRESS FOR ANDREW CRAVIN AND HIS BRIDE! BUT NOT ALL THE ROCK ON EARTH COULD HOLD BACK THE VENGEFUL RAGE OF THE MURDERED DAVE BURK .. WHOSE LAST BREATH LAID THE CURSE OF DOOM ON THIS HOUSE AND THOSE WITHIN IT!

ANDREW, YOU'RE MAD! YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME HERE TO DIE! PEOPLE KNOW WE'VE BEEN HUNTING TOGETHER!
WRONG, DAVE! I TOLD PEOPLE YOU'D GONE OFF BY YOURSELF! NOBODY KNOWS WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER ... NOBODY BUT ELSA!

ELSA? YOU DIRTY RAT! LEAVE MY FIANCEE'S NAME OUT OF THIS!
POOR STUPID DAVE! ELSA'S PROMISED TO MARRY ME, IF YOU DON'T RETURN! SHE ONLY WANTED YOUR MONEY, BUT NOW I HAVE MUCH, MUCH MORE!

SHE'S REALISTIC ABOUT MONEY, DAVE! I AM RICH SO SHE TURNS TO ME! WE'LL BUILD A HOUSE UP HERE! IT'S A BEAUTIFUL SPOT TO HONEYMOON!
ANDREW! FOR THE LOVE OF MERCY, DON'T KILL ME! YOU CAN HAVE THE TREASURE!

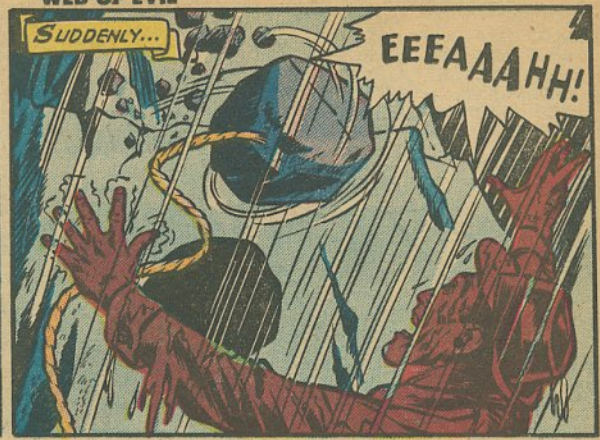

YOU MURDERING FIEND! I CURSE YOU! WITH MY DYING BREATH I CURSE YOUR HOUSE OF DECEPTION! IT WILL DESTROY YOU AND HER AS YOU ARE DESTROYING M..
FEARGH!
THUD

AN HOUR LATER--
THEY'LL NEVER FIND HIS BODY NOW! I'LL CUT SOD AND FIT IT IN UNTIL NOBODY WILL EVEN KNOW THERE WAS A SHAFT HERE!

THAT DOES IT! HE'LL NEVER GET OUT TO MENACE MY LIFE! I'LL GO NOW, BEFORE THE STORM BREAKS! THESE MOUNTAIN TRAILS ARE DANGEROUS!

BUT THE ONRUSHING STORM BREAKS WITH FRIGHTENING VIOLENCE!
EEEAAAHAHA!
THAT LAUGHTER-- WILD... EVIL... MENACING! IT.. IT MUST BE THE WIND AMONG THE ROCKS! IT'S GOT TO BE JUST THE WIND!

GIDDAP, YOU STUBBORN BEASTS! FASTER! WE'VE GOT TO GET PAST THIS BAD SECTION BEFORE SOMETHING HAPPENS!


SUDDENLY...
EEEAAAHH!

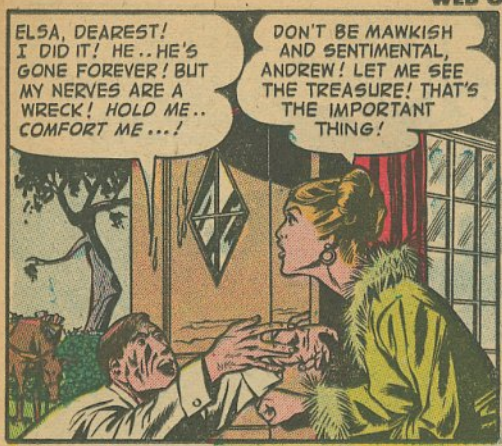
IT MISSED ME! IT MISSED BY INCHES!

MY--MY NERVES ARE GETTING ME! THAT'S WHAT IT IS ... NERVES! I ... I HAD A FEELING HE WAS FREE AND WAITING TO DESTROY ME! BUT I'M SAFE ...

THAT LAUGHTER.. TRIUMPHANT LAUGHTER! HE'S UP THERE ... JEERING AT ME... TOYING WITH ME ...
AAAAHAHAHA!

I'M GETTING OUT OF THE MOUNTAINS! I'LL NEVER GO BACK! HE'S WAITING UP THERE ... WAITING FOR ME TO COME BACK SO HE CAN GET HIS REVENGE!

WITH THE DAWN ....
THANK HEAVEN, I MADE IT! I'M SAFE... AND SO IS THE TREASURE! ELSA! ELSA! LET ME IN! IT'S ANDREW!


ELSA, DEAREST! I DID IT! HE.. HE'S GONE FOREVER! BUT MY NERVES ARE A WRECK! HOLD ME.. COMFORT ME...!
DON'T BE MAWKISH AND SENTIMENTAL, ANDREW! LET ME SEE THE TREASURE! THAT'S THE IMPORTANT THING!

IT'S OVER AND DONE WITH, ELSA .. BUT I CAN'T GO UP THERE AGAIN! WE .. WE'LL BUILD OUR HOUSE SOMEWHERE ELSE!
DON'T BE SILLY, ANDREW! YOU'RE TAKING ME UP THERE TOMORROW! I MUST BE SURE YOU HAVEN'T LEFT ANYTHING UNDONE TO SPOIL THIS!

NO, NO, DEAREST! NOT BACK THERE! HE'S DEAD... BUT HE'S WAITING UP THERE.. WAITING FOR VENGEANCE! I WON'T GO BACK!
WOULD YOU RATHER I TOLD THE POLICE DAVE WAS WITH YOU? HE MADE ME HIS HEIR! I'LL INHERIT HIS HALF OF THE TREASURE, YOU KNOW!

NO! I'LL... I'LL TAKE YOU TOMORROW, ELSA! I PROMISE!
NOW RUN ALONG AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO CASH THIS IN! AND DON'T COME BACK WITHOUT PLENTY OF GOOD SPENDABLE MONEY!

LATER THAT DAY, ALONE IN HIS OWN ROOM...
SHE'S HARD AND COLD.. COLD AS ICE! SHE'D BETRAY ME TO GET DAVE'S SHARE! BUT IF I MARRY HER, SHE'LL PROBABLY BETRAY ME ANYHOW, AND INHERIT BOTH SHARES!

DAVE, DAVE.. OH, WHY DID I DO IT! WHAT HAVE I GAINED? NOW I'M IN A TRAP... A DEADLY TRAP THAT WILL KILL ME WHICHEVER WAY I TURN!

THAT LAUGHTER! HE'S ENJOYING MY ANGUISH! HE KNOWS THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR ME NOW!
EEEAAAHAHAHAHAHAH

BUT THE NEXT DAY THE SUN SHONE AND BIRDS SANG AND THE DARK TERRORS OF NIGHT AND STORM NO LONGER HOVERED OVER ANDREW CRAVEN!

WHY, THIS IS A LOVELY SPOT, ANDREW! I'LL HAVE NO MORE NONSENSE! I WANT A HOUSE RIGHT HERE... A BIG STONE HOUSE, BUILT LIKE A CASTLE!

YOU SHALL HAVE IT, DEAREST! I WAS A SILLY FOOL YESTERDAY, BUT IT WAS JUST NERVES! I'M NOT AFRAID OF GHOST OR DEVIL TODAY!

SPEAKING OF GHOSTS... WHERE *IS* HE, ANDREW?

UNDER YOUR FEET, ELSA! SEE... THE HEAVY RAIN HAS ALMOST CONCEALED THE FRESH SOD WHERE I FILLED THE SHAFT! IN ANOTHER DAY NOBODY CAN FIND IT!

BUT SUDDENLY...

HAHAHAHAHA

ELSA.. THAT WILD LAUGHTER! DO YOU HEAR IT? IT'S *HIS* VOICE!

I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING BUT WIND IN THE ROCKS AND A COWARD'S TEETH CHATTERING! *THIS* IS FOR YOUR GHOST OF DAVE BURK, THE FOOL!

AND SO ANDREW CRAVEN, NOW WEALTHY, BROUGHT A CREW OF STONE-MASONS AND BUILDERS TO THE REMOTE MOUNTAIN SLOPE!

YOU KNOW WHAT WE WANT -- A HOUSE OF MOUNTAIN STONE CUT AND FITTED LIKE A FORTRESS! DON'T SKIMP ON THE STONEWORK!

YOU'RE PAYING FOR IT, MR. CRAVEN! WE'LL BUILD IT LIKE YOU SAY! I'VE GOT A TOP CREW AND THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF ROCK!

WHEN WE PEEL OFF THIS SOD, WE'LL PROBABLY FIND PLENTY MORE ROCK OF A HANDY SIZE FOR TRIMMING AND FITTING!

NO! I FORBID YOU TO MOVE THIS SOD! BUILD THE HOUSE RIGHT ON TOP OF IT! IF YOU NEED MORE ROCK, GET IT BACK IN THE MOUNTAINS!

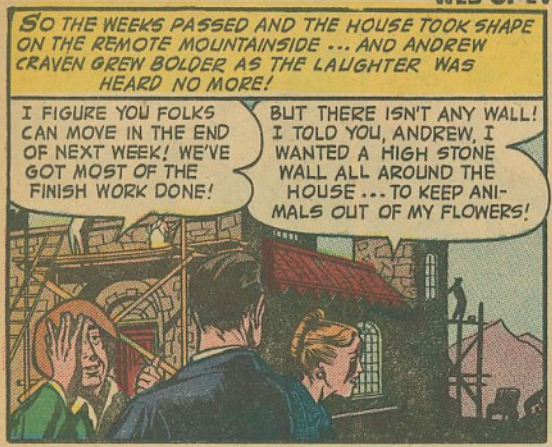
I COULDN'T HAVE HIM DIGGING ROCK FROM UNDER THE SOD! HE'D FIND THE SHAFT... AND THEN THE BODY!

YOU ARE A POOR, WEAK JELLYFISH, AREN'T YOU, ANDREW? IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR WEALTH, I COULDN'T *STAND* YOU!

THAT AWFUL LAUGHTER AGAIN! BUT -- BUT YOU DON'T HEAR IT, DO YOU? YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE *HAUNTED!*

OH, STOP BABBLING NONSENSE AND TAKE ME HOME! I'VE GOT TO SHOP FOR A SUITABLE WEDDING GOWN!

HAHAHAHAHAHA


SO THE WEEKS PASSED AND THE HOUSE TOOK SHAPE ON THE REMOTE MOUNTAINSIDE ... AND ANDREW CRAVEN GREW BOLDER AS THE LAUGHTER WAS HEARD NO MORE!
I FIGURE YOU FOLKS CAN MOVE IN THE END OF NEXT WEEK! WE'VE GOT MOST OF THE FINISH WORK DONE!
BUT THERE ISN'T ANY WALL! I TOLD YOU, ANDREW, I WANTED A HIGH STONE WALL ALL AROUND THE HOUSE ... TO KEEP ANIMALS OUT OF MY FLOWERS!

BUT, MA'AM, WE'RE ABOUT OUT OF CUT STONE! IF WE BUILD A WALL, WE'LL HAVE TO BLAST THE CLIFF FOR A FRESH SUPPLY!
THEN BLAST IT! I WANT A WALL AND, I DON'T CARE IF YOU HAVE TO CHEW IT OUT WITH YOUR TEETH!
I-- WANT-- THAT-- WALL!

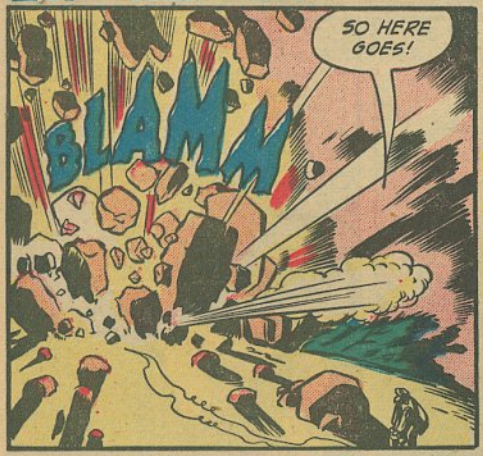
YOU'RE BUYING IT, MA'AM! WE'VE GOT THE DYNAMITE HERE! I'LL GO HAVE IT PLACED FOR A BLAST RIGHT NOW!
LET'S WATCH IT, ELSA! I GET A BIG KICK OUT OF ANY KIND OF EXPLOSION! I GUESS I'M JUST A KID AT HEART, REMEMBERING FOURTH OF JULY!

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR THIS BLAST! WE DON'T WANT TO BLOW OFF TOO MUCH AT ONE TIME!
DON'T BE SILLY! BLOW UP THE WHOLE CLIFF IF YOU WANT TO! ANDREW WILL PAY FOR IT!
TNT

SURE! I LIKE A BIG BANG AND SO DOES ELSA! GO AHEAD AND GIVE US A REAL OLD EARTH-SHAKER!
OKAY, IF YOU INSIST! THE HOUSE IS FAR ENOUGH AWAY SO NOTHING CAN HURT THAT!

LOAD 'ER FOR THE WORKS, BOYS! YOU HEARD THE ORDERS!

AND HALF AN HOUR LATER ...
LOADED AND READY FOR FIRE! I'D SUGGEST YOU FOLKS GET A GOOD LONG WAY OFF SO YOU CAN WATCH THE BLAST WITHOUT ANY DANGER!
FROM OUR HOUSE, ANDREW! LET'S GO IN THE HOUSE AND WATCH IT FROM THERE! WE'LL HAVE A GRANDSTAND SEAT!



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LAIR of DOOM

"YOU'RE a spider," the girl cried, half hysterical with rage and fright as she stripped off rings, bracelet and earrings and hurled them on the dank stone floor. "A big, fat, evil spider who sits there, gloating and grinning and spinning your awful web."

"Exactly, my dear," purred Dr. Pendris, smiling. "And you, dear girl, are only one of the flies who find themselves caught in my web. You may be heartened by that knowledge. There have been many others; there will be many more."

"Beast," the girl sobbed helplessly. "You run those horrible, lying advertisements, promising to help unhappy girls find happiness. Then when we come to your ugly, smelly old castle . . ."

"You try my secret potion," Dr. Pendris finished, still smiling. "You find yourself babbling your innermost secrets to me, a stranger and one you find faintly revolting because I am so fat and evil looking. And while you babble, my dear, a little tape recorder prints your innermost secrets—secrets you wouldn't think of revealing to a loving husband. So you pay me, not well but adequately, to keep your secrets to myself."

"You're a dirty blackmailer," the girl panted, emptying her small purse on the pile. "And I hope some day the spiders who live here with you find you even too disgusting for them. You and your awful truth drug you feed the unwary."

For a moment a shudder of revulsion swept the gross flesh of Dr. Pendris. He looked down at where a spider, huge and hairy, had crawled across one foot. Sweat dotted his pasty forehead, even as he managed a benevolent smile. This spider business was a help. Girls likened him to the evil creatures who seemed to possess the old castle and were terrified from the start, too frightened to defy him. Yes, it definitely helped his blackmail business.

It would never do to let anyone guess that he himself was almost in a panic at the sight of a spider. Let the ugly things live here with him as long as they fattened his purse. The day would come when he would destroy them all, and until then he must fight down his inner revulsions and pretend that they were his allies.

The jarring slam of the outer door awoke him from his revery. The girl had gone, her pitiful tribute lying on the floor at his feet. Already a fat black spider was crawling across the small pile of silver and bills and cheap jewelry. Not much, but a few more dollars for his growing horde. He brushed the spider aside with a stick and scooped up the pile.

The black spider, larger than any other he had seen, kept scurrying back and suddenly, in an excess of revulsion and anger he stamped down hard, crushing the body beneath his shoe. For a moment a strange dizziness swept him. He saw hundreds, thousands of spiders pouring out of cracks and crevices, their beady, burning eyes making tiny sparks in the shadows.

"Get out," he panted. "Get out, all of you. I loathe you. And one of these days . . ." He broke off to stamp violently as a spider ran up his leg.

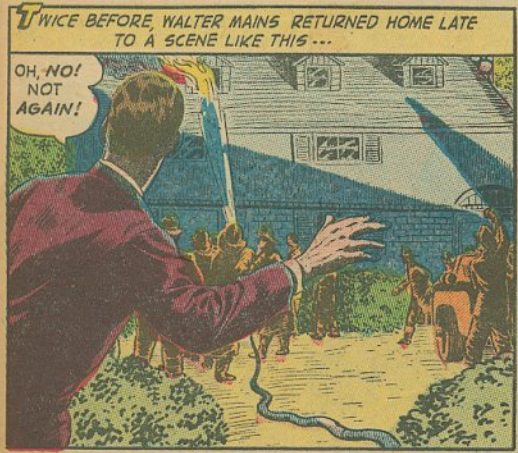
He jarred it loose, but instantly half a dozen more were on his legs, trailing silken webs up the dark fabric of his trousers. He kicked and stamped. Some fell off, others clung. But every one who fell only gave way to a hundred that poured across the floor to swarm upon him. He screamed then, realizing that a thousand more were on the dusty rafters above, dropping on him, enclosing him in festoons of clinging spider web. Each was a gossamer thread by itself, but together they made a cloying mass that grew thicker and thicker as he fought and screamed.

He screamed, but the ancient castle answered only with echoes and the rustle of spiders. Back and forth they raced, his writhing figure vanishing beneath the silvery shroud of their webs. And somewhere, deep in the recesses of his mind, came words he had once read, words that had made him sneer and jibe.

"Somewhere in a dark dungeon," spoke the voice of memory, "waits the Queen of Spiders. He who would harm her courts the vengeance of a world of spiders, a world vaster and more powerful than the world of feeble man." He was screaming those words when the silken webs whipped across his mouth and the screams were no more.

THE CORPSE that wouldn't HIDE

"I'LL NEVER LET YOU LEAVE ME," ANNE MAINS TOLD THE HUSBAND WHO HATED HER! BUT WALTER MAINS HAD NO IDEA HOW DESPERATELY SHE MEANT THOSE WORDS — UNTIL SHE LAY DEAD AT HIS FEET, AND HE FACED THE TERRIFYING TRUTH -- DEAD OR ALIVE, SHE WOULD HOLD HIM TO THE END OF HIS MISERABLE DAYS!



MAINS, YOUR WIFE IS A WONDERFUL WOMAN AND A FAMOUS CHEMIST.. BUT SHE'S GOT TO STOP SMOKING IN BED! THIS IS THREE FIRES SHE'S SET THIS WAY!
I'VE TRIED TO MAKE HER STOP, CHIEF, BUT SHE GETS INTENT ON SOME NEW RESEARCH AND FORGETS HERSELF!

POOR WALTER! YOU KEEP HOPING YOU'LL FIND ME BURNED TO DEATH SO YOU CAN START SPENDING ALL MY MONEY ON YOUR TRAMP FRIENDS!
OH, SHUT UP! IF YOU HATE ME SO, WHY DON'T YOU PAY ME TO GET OUT? YOU COULD HAND OVER $100,000 AND NEVER MISS IT! THAT'S REASONABLE ENOUGH!

NO, DARLING! YOU MARRIED ME FOR MY MONEY AND SOME DAY YOU'LL GET IT.. BUT I'LL MAKE YOU SUFFER AND SWEAT FOR EVERY PENNY! I'LL NEVER LET YOU LEAVE ME!
YOU.. YOU WITCH! I HATE YOU!

AND I HATE YOU, TOO, DEAREST! NOW RUN ALONG! I'VE GOT AN IDEA FOR A NEW CHEMICAL PRODUCT! I'LL PROBABLY WORK ALL NIGHT!
WHY NOT INVENT A POISON FOR WIVES WHO HAVE LIVED TOO LONG? I'LL BUY THE FIRST GALLON MYSELF!

WHAT WOULD YOU BUY IT WITH, SWEETHEART? YOU'VE SPENT YOUR ALLOWANCE... AND I WON'T GIVE YOU ANOTHER PENNY THIS WEEK!
YOU... YOU...! POISON WOULD BE TOO EASY A WAY FOR YOU TO DIE!

BLAST HER! I WISH SHE WERE DEAD! I'D BE RICH AND FREE! SHE'S HATED ME EVER SINCE SHE FOUND I MARRIED HER FOR HER MONEY! SHE ENJOYS TORTURING ME!

SHE TAUNTS ME, SHAMES ME! SHE KNOWS I'D KILL HER IF I WASN'T AFRAID OF BEING CAUGHT AND ELECTROCUTED! IF THERE WAS ONLY A WAY...! WAIT! THERE IS A WAY! I'VE BEEN A FOOL NOT TO SEE IT!

ALL IT NEEDS IS CAREFUL PLANNING AND PATIENCE! THEN IN A LITTLE WHILE I'LL BE FREE... FREE AND RICH! HA-HA-HAA!

WITH COLD AND SAVAGE CUNNING, WALTER MAINS LAID THE FOUNDATIONS FOR HIS MURDER SCHEME! A WEEK LATER ...
TCH-TCH! YOU'RE HOME EARLY, DEAR! YOU DON'T PROWL SO LATE WHEN YOUR MONEY'S GONE, DO YOU? OR I SHOULD SAY.. MY MONEY!
HAVE YOUR FUN, PET! BUT I CAME HOME FOR A PURPOSE, TONIGHT...

YES, MY SWEET! I CAME HOME TO KILL YOU!
WALTER, YOU FOOL! GET AWAY FROM ME! YOU'RE TOO STUPID TO GET AWAY WITH MURDER! YOU'LL BE CAUGHT AND BURNED!

YOU'RE WRONG, DEAR WIFE! I'M NOT STUPID AT ALL! I'M CLEVER! I'LL KILL YOU TONIGHT AND NEVER EVEN BE SUSPECTED! YOU SHOWED ME HOW!

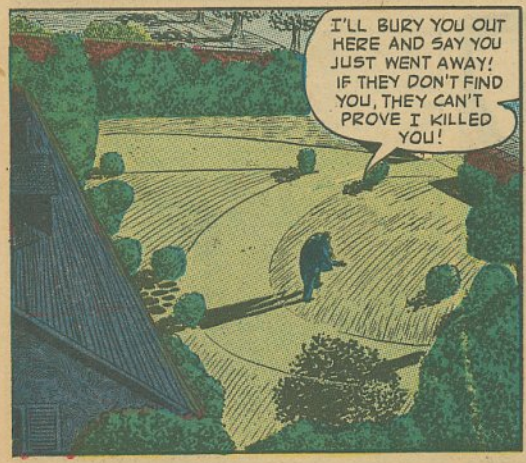
YOU'VE BEEN SMOKING IN BED AGAIN, DARLING! YOU'LL SET THE BED ON FIRE AND BURN UP, MY LOVE! THE FIRE WILL DESTROY ANY EVIDENCE OF MY HANDS ON YOUR WHITE THROAT!

NOW YOU'RE DEAD! I WON'T BE SUSPECTED! THE FIRE CHIEF WARNED ME THIS MIGHT HAPPEN! HE'LL TESTIFY THAT YOU KILLED YOURSELF! I WON'T EVEN BE HERE UNTIL LATER!

YOU SAID YOU'D NEVER LET ME LEAVE YOU! HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT NOW, MY LOVE? YOU'VE LEFT ME .. FOREVER I'M FREE .. FREE! I'LL LIGHT THE FIRE AND SLIP AWAY...

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THIS BEDSPREAD? IT WON'T CATCH FIRE! BUT IT ALWAYS HAS BEFORE! JUST LAST WEEK IT BLAZED UP WHEN SHE DROPPED HER CIGARET!

THROUGH A RED HAZE OF MAD TERROR, WALTER MAINS HEARD HIMSELF BABBLING, SOBBING, PLEADING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE DEAD!



I GOT IN BEFORE THEY TURNED .. BUT THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE! I CAN'T RISK DIGGING A GRAVE! THEY'D FIND IT ANYHOW!

PLEASE ... PLEASE, ANNE! YOU SWORE YOU'D NEVER LET ME LEAVE YOU! TAKE IT BACK! LET ME RUN AWAY! LET ME LEAVE YOU SOMEWHERE SO THEY WON'T FIND YOU! ANNE ... PLEASE!

YOU'VE GOT TO BURN, ANNE! THAT'S MY ONLY CHANCE! YOU'LL BURN IN HERE! THEY'LL THINK ONE OF YOUR EXPERIMENTS EXPLODED!

NOW YOU'LL BURN, CURSE YOU! EVERYTHING IN HERE WILL BURN ... AND I'LL COME BACK LATER AND BE TERRIBLY, TERRIBLY HEART-BROKEN, MY LOVE! HA-HAAA!

HA-HA-HAAA! YOUR POWER IS GONE NOW, ISN'T IT, DEAR? YOU'VE FINALLY GOT TO LET ME LEAVE YOU! THE BEAUTIFUL FIRE!

COME, MY PET! ONTO THE FIRE WITH YOU! THE BEAUTIFUL FIRE THAT WILL SET ME FREE!

FAREWELL, DEAR ANNE! THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE ... EEEAAAAAA! LET GO! MY COAT..!

LET GO OF ME! ANNE! FOR THE LOVE OF MERCY... LET ME GO!

I'M ON FIRE! I'M BURNING! HALP! HALP!

ANNE! ANNE! ARGHHHHH..!

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GOT THERE, AND THEN THE POLICE, BUT THEY WERE TOO LATE TO SAVE WALTER MAINS FROM HIS FATE!
HE'S LITERALLY BURNED TO A CRISP.. BUT HER BODY SCARCELY SHOWS SCORCHING! THE MARKS OF MURDER ARE CLEAR ENOUGH!
HERE'S THE ANSWER, DOC! AFTER THAT LAST FIRE, SHE INVENTED A FIRE-PROOF CHEMICAL AND TREATED HER WHOLE BEDROOM WITH IT!

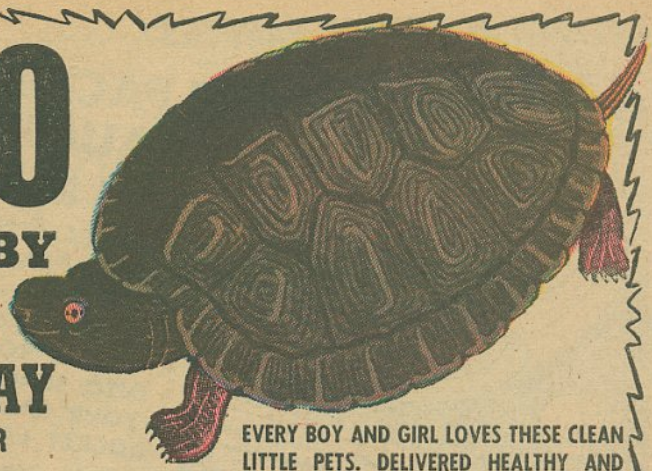
EVEN HER HAIR WAS SPRAYED! THE RAT DIDN'T KNOW THAT! HE TRIED AND TRIED TO SET A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM TO DESTROY HER BODY!
IT MIGHT HAVE WORKED OTHERWISE! I'D WARNED HIM MYSELF THAT SHE'D BURN HERSELF TO DEATH SOME TIME SMOKING IN BED!

WHAT IRONY.. SHE WOULDN'T BURN, BUT HE DID! HER DEAD HAND HELD HIM IN THE FIRE! RIGOR MORTIS CLOSED HER HAND ON HIS JACKET!
I NEVER SAW RIGOR MORTIS SET IN THAT FAST BEFORE, DOC! IT'S ALMOST AS IF SHE WANTED TO HOLD HIM UNTIL HE BURNED!

MAYBE SHE DID, DAVE! MAYBE SHE DID! SHE'S LYING THERE NOW WITH A SMILE ON HER FACE... THE SMILE OF A WOMAN WHO HAD KEPT A PROMISE!

1000 *LIVE* BABY TURTLES GIVEN AWAY

WITH THIS OFFER



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